condition and is sufficiently deep even for big steam boats. As regards the curves referred to by the Member, the Chief Engineer says that the cost of straightening them will be out of proportion to the advantage to be gained.

164. Needs of the Minachil Taluk.

Mr. Ulahannan Ulahannan (Member, Minachil Taluk) submitted that the needs of the taluk had been brought to the notice of Government at several sessions of the Assembly and that nothing had been done so far in the matter. He first prayed for the construction of the following roads and bridges ;—

1. Construction of a bridge across the Minachil River in the Lalam-Ponkunnam road, and another near the Kadanad church in the Lalam-Todupuzha road. An estimate for the former had been sanctioned in 1091. The Member requested provision of funds therefor in the current year's budget.

2. Bharananganam-Tidanad road.

3. Vazhamattam-Pinnakunad road.

4. Road from the 3rd mile of the Melkavu road to Piravithanam south.

5. Edamattam-Tidanad road.

The Member stated that the above roads which provided means of communication to the interior tracts had been cut by the people and requested that they might be taken over by Government for maintenance.

6. Construction of Vazhamattam-Bharananganam road.

An estimate for this road had been sanctioned in 1917. Funds should be provided early.

7. Opening of a road to Ramapuram from Lalam-Thodupuzha road 2nd mile *via* Ezhacherry. The people had consented to give the required land free of cost.

8. Construction of a landing ghat in the Minachil river near the Pala market.

The Member's next prayer was in regard to the construction of a building for the higher grade vernacular school for boys at Pala and another for the girls' school at Pala near the boys' school building. He also urged the desirability of locating the District Munsiff's Court near the public offices and putting up a satrom at Minachil for the use of travellers of all castes.

Dewan's reply.—Estimates have been sanctioned for some of the works. Several Members have represented about P. W. needs. All of them cannot be sanctioned at the same time. As soon as the budget is sanctioned, it will be communicated to the representatives of the people at whose suggestion allotments will be made in the order of urgency and the works taken up.

165. Needs of the Kunnatnad Taluk.

Mr. V. R. Gopala Pillai (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) in submitting his representation regarding means of communication, urged the need for repairing and putting in order the following roads :—

(*a*) portion of the Alwaye-Perumpavur road;

(*b*) Muvattupuzha-Kunnatnad road;

(*c*) the approach road to Vallom landing, a mile in distance; and

(*d*) the road from Angamali market and from Kaladi to Manjapara for which an estimate had already been sanctioned.

The Member next pleaded for the establishment of a District and Sessions Court at Perumpavur. The District Court was situated at Parur, the western extremity of its jurisdiction. It was most inconvenient to the people of Todupuzha which was far removed from Parur. On the other hand, Perumpavur was centrally situated.

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